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ERIN BROCKOVICH TO SPEAK AT THREE NAVAJO NATION HIGH SCHOOLS ON TUESDAY

Window Rock – Prominent consumer advocate and environment activist Erin Brockovich is set to speak at three Navajo Nation high schools during her visit on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Ms. Brockovich will speak at Shiprock High School Chieftain Pit, Shiprock, N.M. at 12 p.m. MST; White Horse High School Auditorium, Montezuma Creek, Utah at 3:00 p.m. MST; and at Monument Valley High School Auditorium, Kayenta, Ariz., at 5:30 p.m. MST.

The high school speaking engagements will be streamed live on the Operation Yellow Water Ustream.tv channel.

"We appreciate Ms. Brockovich's willingness to visit our Nation to witness the damage first hand and help raise awareness about the plight of our people," said Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye.

Erin Brokovich stated "The continuing situation resulting from the Gold King Mine spill is unacceptable. The EPA's actions and response reflect an organization that is drastically underfunded, understaffed and in need of overhaul. I stand with the Navajo Nation and call upon the U.S. Government to do what is right and clean up this mess."

As a legal clerk in the early 1990s, Ms. Brockovich helped investigate elevated illness in the town of Hinckley, California that was tied to the pollutant hexavalent chromium in their groundwater. Residents later settled a case against Pacific Gas and Electric for \$333 million, the largest settlement in a direct action lawsuit at the time.

Attending media are encouraged to get in contact for a lengthier schedule of the day's events.